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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2167

Application No.: 10/038,783

Examiner: Robinson, Greta Lee

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For: **OPTIMIZING AN EXCLUSION JOIN OPERATION USING A BITMAP INDEX
STRUCTURE**

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY DATED DECEMBER 6, 2004

This is a reply to the Notice of Allowability dated December 6, 2004. Pursuant to the subject notice, Applicant has included replacement sheets for Figures 3 and 5-7 with this reply. The replacement sheets include the brackets contained in the Examiner's Amendment, authorization for which was previously given by Applicant. In light of the agreed upon changes, Applicant asks the Office to reconsider this application.

Please apply any charges that might be due, excepting the issue fee but including fees for extensions of time, to deposit account 14-0225.

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